(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
21.	Manipur	694	35
22.	Meghalaya	662	33
23.	Mizoram	261	13
24.	Nagaland	426	21
25.	Orissa	12393	620
26.	Pondicherry	305	15.2
27.	Karaikal	73	3.7
28.	Mahe	15	0.7
29.	Yanam	7	0.4
30.	Punjab	7945	397
31.	Rajasthan	16914	846
32.	Sikkim	165	8
33.	Tamil Nadu	22547	1127
34.	Tripura	1001	50
35.	Uttar Pradesh	52926	2646
36.	West Bengal	25888	1294
	GRAND TOTAL	333068	16654

Contract System of Labour in F.C.I.

1328. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that contract system of labour is still prevalent in Food Corporation of India in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the reasons for continuance of this system ; and

(c) what steps are being taken to scrap this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It has been reported by FCI that the Ministry of Labour, which is the appropriate authority under the CL (R&A) Act 1970, has notified only six centres namely Rampura Phul, Nakodar, Banga, Bhakatanwala, Bharariwal and Sangrana Sahib prohibiting employment of the contract labour. However, abolition of the contract labour in the notified centres of Nakodar and Banga has not been implemented despite agreement with the Union, due to dispute with the Union in regard to identification of labourers for departmentalisation. The Corporation is making all possible endeavour to abolish contract labour in its depots in Punjab.

Release of Additional Sugar

1329. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has ordered a "Special release" of an additional 80,000 tonnes of sugar;